



## News Notes

**Suicide/Violence Awareness Briefing** – Life Skills will be conducting mass suicide/violence awareness briefings at the Memorial Theater at: 8 and 10 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. two days: Oct. 25 and 26.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Anthony Hall at ext. 449-0175.

**American Citizenship** – The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Manual for Citizenship was compiled to assist prospective United States citizens. Over 12 million copies have been supplied in the past through NSDAR Chapters. This book is a great resource for candidates of U.S. Citizenship or those interested in U.S. History. The (NS)DAR Manual for Citizenship is currently out of stock and under revision; however, excerpts of the book can be accessed online through the following link: <http://www.dar.org/natsociety/citizenship.cfm>

**TDY Travelers** – The Commercial Travel Office (CTO) CI Travel requires four copies of orders after reservations are made.

CI Travel will not issue paper or e-tickets without orders. Contact the Traffic Management Office (TMO) at 449-6003 ext. 219, with any questions.

**Blood Drive Oct. 27** – There is a blood drive Oct. 27 at the Hickam Community Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To give blood call Staff Sgt. Camill Thomas at, 449-3142 or e-mail to [camill.thomas@hickam.af.mil](mailto:camill.thomas@hickam.af.mil)

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# C-17 to boost PACAF capabilities

**By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard**  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Chief of Staff visited Hickam Oct. 5 – 8 for his second of three general officer calls and took time out to talk about the importance of the C-17 in Hawaii and the on going war on terrorism.

Basing C-17 Globemaster IIIs in Hawaii not only boosts Pacific Air Forces airlift capabilities, but



**Gen. T. Michael Moseley**

according to Gen. T. Michael Moseley, having the C-17 centrally located in the Pacific is going to be money for the Air Force.

"We'll be able to work with the Army a lot closer within the island and will be able to move things around the global system as we work through the

TRANSCOM world and apply these airplanes to strategic problems," he said.

"The C-17's proven its worth in gold" for the Air Force in the war on terrorism and for humanitarian relief, the general said. "The thing has proven to be just an amazing aircraft."

Another proven tool the general likes is the Air Force Fitness program. "It's proven itself to be very valuable in the Global War on Terrorism – keeping people

fit, keeping people ready to fight and keeping people healthy," said General Moseley. "As you go around the bases and see the gyms full and people out running, you know it's the right way to do it."

For the chief of staff, the war on terrorism is also the right thing to do and the Air Force should be prepared for the long haul. "It's not something that will be quick or will be over right now," he said. "We are part of a

joint team and part of the coalition. We have people driving trucks and delivering goods and services within Iraq.

"It is too important to the republic," he continued. "It's too important to our people and to our children and we are a key piece of a joint team fighting the global war and we will continue to do this. This is a war and we will be in it for a while and we're not going to lose this."



Courtesy photo of HCH

Demolition or "deconstruction" operations breakdown former Hickam homes and neighborhoods

## Base contractors recycle building materials, create new homes

**Concrete for 48-mile sidewalk stays right here on Hickam**

**By Ryan Mielke**  
HCH Deputy Asset Manager

In the last 4 months, what was once a 40-year-old neighborhood in need of replacement and upgrade is now the site of new home construction on Hickam.

The construction means thousands of tons of walls, roads, ceilings and sidewalks that once made up a large portion of Hickam housing are needing to find a

new 'home.' That location is not in one of Hawaii's limited landfills. More than 80 percent of the materials that once comprised Hickam neighborhoods never made the trip and are being put to use again – on Hickam.

How is a whole house recycled? Some people who live in one of the homes overlooking the recent demolition of hundreds of homes in Hale Na Koa housing at Hickam, might have a good idea of what home recycling means. But there is so much more than meets the eye.

Jon Kam, the construction manager overseeing the new home development, said state-of-the-art machinery and techniques are being brought to bear on the

Hickam housing development.

"Whether it is our equipment that crushes and sorts concrete and other rubble into new materials we can use or our methods of sorting from the very beginning of 'de-construction,' I am confident that not only are we doing something good for the Air Force, but also for our environment," said Mr. Kam, an employee of Actus Lend Lease, LLC, and one of the key project leaders responsible for the construction of new homes for Hickam families.

"The machinery we use crushes entire slabs of concrete to our specifications,

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## New USPACOM Deputy Commander assumes duties

**CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** – Air Force Lieutenant General Daniel Leaf assumed the duties and responsibilities as the 15th Deputy Commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Wednesday.

Lt. Gen. Leaf was previously the Vice Commander of the United States Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado.

"Lieutenant General Leaf's experience and proven leadership skills mark him as an

outstanding choice for Deputy Commander. He's a welcome addition to the Pacific Command team," said Admiral William Fallon, Commander U.S. Pacific Command.

A native of Shawano, Wis., he earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Air Force ROTC program in 1974.

Lt. Gen. Leaf is a command pilot and command space operator with more

than 3,600 flying hours, including Operations Allied Force, Joint Forge, Northern Watch and Southern Watch combat missions. He has commanded at all levels including squadron, group and wing.

Lt. Gen. Leaf has previously been stationed in the Pacific Command region, including Osan Air Base and Yongsan, Republic of Korea; Kadena Air Base, Japan; and Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.



**Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf**

## Piper takes top honor during ALS graduation

**By Senior Master Sgt. Tammy Whitney-Rush**  
Professional Military Education Center Director of Education

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center hosted the graduation for Airman Leadership School Class 05-D Wednesday.

Taking top honors was Senior Airman Paul Piper, from Kenney Headquarters Combat Operations Division, who was named as the John L. Levitow Award recipient. Senior Airman Natalie Pittore, from the 324th Intelligence Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award. Staff Sergeant Justin O'Dell, from Kenney Headquarters 26th Air and Space Intelligence Squadron, earned the Leadership Award and Distinguished Graduate Award.

Other Distinguished Graduates included, Senior Airman Sara Troy, from Kenney Headquarters 56th Air and Space Communication Squadron, Senior Airman Elizabeth Stolz from the 15th Security Forces Squadron, and Senior Airman Aaron Stern from the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The ceremony was highlighted by guest speaker Chief Master Sergeant Paul Weseloh, Command Chief Master Sergeant of Kenney Headquarters Provisional.

During the class, the students volunteered their off-duty time cleaning up the Waimanalo Recreation area, collecting over 20 bags of trash and improving the grounds for future visitor's enjoyment. Upon graduation from ALS, each student receives nine semester hours of college credit from the Community College of the Air Force. Graduation from ALS

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Excellence is more than just a core value

By Col. Bill "Goose" Changose  
15th Airlift Wing commander

Each one of us, Air Force leaders and members, have a responsibility to ensure our people do the right things to take care of themselves.

The Air Force demands your best each day. If you are not doing the things you need to take care of yourself, the mission will suffer. Our people, by nature, are driven and are going to put the mission before themselves. Sometimes they may need a nudge to take care of themselves. So, as good Air Force Wingmen, it falls onto us to make sure they do.

As a great NFL coach once said, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor." – Vince Lombardi.

As Air Force members, we should all feel pride in our jobs. From fuels to finance, from the post office to the pharmacy, we all have important tasks that are critical to Air Force mission accomplishment.

We should treat each and every task as mission essential, because the Air Force core value "Excellence In All We Do" doesn't afford us an option of when to give 100 percent. It demands that we give our very best, every day, in everything we do.

While not everyone has a coffee mug to remind them that "What Is Worth Doing



Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, speaks to Combined Federal Campaign representatives to congratulate them on reaching the wing's goal of \$125,000 in just eight days. More than \$172,000 has been donated as of Wednesday's press time.

Is Worth Doing Well," what we do have is the core value internalized and displayed by the "warfighting uniforms" we wear. Our actions and attitudes must represent "Excellence In All We Do" and shine as a beacon of light to the entire world. That excellence comes from preparation; by ensuring healthy minds, healthy bodies, and a healthy team spirit, on and off duty.

As Colin Powell has said, "If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude."

Speaking of attitude, I

had the opportunity to visit with a group of Sky Warriors who helped make the wing so successful during this year's Combined Federal Campaign. Although I was only able to thank the unit reps each of them acknowledged that they were only a small part of this great accomplishment, the real heroes were you; each and every person who gave and ultimately will make life better for others.

If my office was big enough I would've personally invited each and every one of you who contributed to the more than \$172,000 of donations we received so far in the campaign and

who helped us break the goal of \$125,000 in just eight days. EIGHT DAYS!

Kudos to Senior Airmen Curtis Minor, Kimberly Tyler, Michael Tucker, Tech. Sgt. James Onder, Master Sgt. John Reid, Mr. Roland Kauwe, Mr Joe Sumira, Mr Owen Nakamoto, and Mr Wayne Yamasaki from the 15th Civil Engineering Squadron for their quick work repairing air conditioning units during Gen. Moseley's general officer's call last week. Likewise, thanks to all of 15th Services Squadron for their great work.

Have a great weekend, think before you act.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues.

It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call.

If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil

TREE TRIMMING

**Comment:** Yesterday, Wednesday, September 14th, some contractors came out to our house and trimmed the larger trees. We are located at 117 4th St. In the process, they decided to drive their utility truck into our yard and all around our back yard. Since the night before was an odd day and we had just watered, this cre-

ated major damage to certain parts of the yard. I addressed this with their supervisor when he came around and he seemed unconcerned. He instructed me on what I needed to do to fix it. I asked him if they were going to fix it since they caused the damage and he said he would "mention it" to "the guys." I don't know what that is supposed to mean but I never heard from anyone. I also spoke to the person the housing office referred me to and was told he was in charge of working with the contractors. He told me they weren't supposed to do that and he would call the supervisor. I didn't receive a return call so I left him a voice mail this morning. Please let me know what we can do to resolve this situation since I have worked very hard since we moved in to get the yard in good shape.

**Response:** Thank you for bringing to this to my attention, and I apologize for the problems you and your family encountered during the tree trimming operation. I understand my engineers and the contractor met with you at the site to review the problem and took immediate action to have the contractor correct the damage and prevent similar damage from occurring again during tree trimming operations. My thanks to you and your family for your efforts in helping to keep Hickam AFB the pearl of the Pacific. If you have further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call Mr. Bob Crone at 449-5728.

Hickam: "The Pearl of the Pacific," it's our duty to keep Hawaii beautiful

Col. Andy Morgan  
15th Mission Support Group commander

As for many of you, my Air Force career has provided me the opportunity to live in and visit locations all over the world. While each place was unique and had its own characteristics, each has offered something special for me and my family and Hawaii is no exception.

Here at Hickam, we live in a wonderful part of the world, a part of the world millions of people pay a great deal of money to visit. The natural beauty of the Hawaiian Islands is hard to match and is one significant benefit to living and working here. As men and women of Team Hickam, it is our duty to ensure we do our part to maintain the beauty of the island.

That is why we are penning a new phrase ... "Hickam AFB - The Pearl of the Pacific". Our goal is to make Hickam a showcase base; the envy of all other bases. While being situated in a tropical paradise gives us a real advantage, location alone is not enough. A key component to our suc-

cess rests with each and every one of you living and working on the base. We need you to actively participate in making Hickam the best it can be.

It means keeping yards and homes neat and clean. It means picking up debris from around your work area. It means reporting a downed tree, damaged property or even a facility that is in need of paint or repair. It means not walking past trash on the sidewalk, but picking it up. The goal is for these things to become second nature to us all rather than expecting someone else to make the call or pick up that piece of paper. It doesn't take an economist to know the economies of scale of having the 12,000 people who work and live on Hickam all doing their part. The leverage we earn from all of you doing your part is obvious and critical.

Last week Hickam had the privilege of hosting the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, more than 20 general officers and all the Numbered Air Force and Wing Commanders for the command. In preparation for the visit the wing commander asked Team Hickam to do

what you can to clean up the areas where you work and live to show what a great place Hickam is to live and work. The comments from our distinguished guests were proof that everyone met the challenge.

Let's not stop what's been started just because the distinguished visitors left. I am asking you to continue that mindset during your entire tour. That way, we are always ready for any visit. More importantly, as you walk, jog, or drive around the base, you can take pride in how clean it always looks.

In the next several months, we will be seeking additional funds for bigger projects that will help keep our base neat and clean in appearance. But the projects we fund will not mask a base that has inherently bad housekeeping standards.

This base is our home and our workplace. We spend the vast majority of our time here. Lets all do our part. Think "pick it up" and make Hickam the Pearl of the Pacific.

Pride in Mission, Pride in Ownership.

Hickam Diamond Tips

Performance Feedbacks

Performance feedback is a private, formal communication tool a rater uses to tell a ratee what is expected regarding duty performance and how well the ratee is meeting expectations. Feedback should explain to ratees their duty performance requirements and responsibilities and if they are performing as expected. As with all other types of communication, to be effective, duty performance feedback must be clearly stated and received. It is the responsibility of both the rater and ratee to ensure feedbacks are conducted in a timely manner.



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449-0175  
Law Enforcement Desk  
449-6373  
Base Chaplain  
449-1754  
Military Family Abuse Shelter  
533-7125  
SARC Hotline  
449-7272



# Hickam Voices

What fire safety rules do you have at home?



**“Check the batteries on the smoke detectors periodically and use common sense when dealing with flammable items.”**

**Captain Joshua Biggers**  
15th Mission Support Group



**“I set a schedule to check fire safety equipment like smoke detectors and the sprinkler system to ensure they are operational.”**

**Airman 1st Class Nina Bowater**  
15th Civil Engineering Squadron



**“Don’t leave candles and other burning items unattended. Always know where the fire extinguishers are located and know your escape routes.”**

**Airman 1st Class Kenneth Clark**  
15th Security Forces Squadron



**“Never overload electrical outlets and always double-check your house before you leave for extended periods.”**

**Airman 1st Class Robert Perecko**  
352nd Information Operations Squadron



**“I have instructed my children to never play with lighters or matches and if they see any signs of a fire to go to the neighbor’s house, call 911 and call my husband and me if we are not home.”**

**Peggy Daniel, Civilian**  
15th Logistics Readiness Squadron



**“Know where the fire extinguishers are and know the fire evacuation plan.”**

**Vickie Wickstrom, Civilian**  
15th Services Squadron

**Next week’s question: What changes have you made in your personal life to remain physically fit?**

You can email your response to [hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil). Please include your name and a contact number.

# Thrift shop creates community, helps with \$40K in donations

By Kirsten Tacker  
Kukini Photojournalist

What consumers spend at Hickam’s Thrift Shop generates monies back into the Air Force community.

The thrift shop recently received a minor face-lift behind closed doors this summer and re-opened August 14.

“We had a couple of gentlemen that came in and volunteered their time and fixed our doorway and did a couple other things,” said Tina Wynes, thrift shop manager. “We are always trying to upgrade.”

It was not a high cost for the upgrades since some of the items and labor time were donated.

“The floors were really the only expenditure,” said Kathy Lusco, co-chairperson. “We refurbished the floors and had them professionally done so it looks a little bit nicer out there. We remodeled the back office area. We reconfigured the donations area and the warehouse area.”

The floor is brand new, but their mission to raise funds for charitable organizations and always upgrade is not.

“We end up giving \$40,000 to \$50,000 every year to charities,” said Susan Schall, welfare manager. “We are going to be giving \$7,000 just to area schools.”

“This past summer we donated \$17,000 for the summer scholarships Hickam’s Officer Wives Scholarship Fund,” said Ms. Wynes. “We just donated \$2,000 for the hurricane relief.”

“We are also funding the Hickam’s Elementary playground, so far it is more than \$10,000,” said Ms. Lusco. “That is totally paid for by what people bring here.”

Posted on the thrift shop door are all the charities they support and almost all of them have to do with the military community.

The shop is located catycorner to the baseball diamonds directly behind the Tickets and Tours building, its hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Including the third Wednesday of the month from 5 to 8 p.m. and one Saturday usually the first or second they post it on their calendar. The thrift shop is closed on holidays and military down days.



Photo by Kirsten Tacker

**Volunteer Lois Keener straightens up the book shelves at the Hickam Thrift Shop. Ms. Keener has been a volunteer with the thrift shop for four years. Each year the shop donates between \$40,000 to \$50,000 to charities. To volunteer at the thrift shop, call 449-6603.**



Photo by Kirsten Tacker

**Minnie Larnier looks around the Hickam Thrift Shop for that thrifty deal. Normal hours of operations for the shop are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

Shopping at the thrift shop, also called thrifting, is a way to give back to the community and the consumer snags the gravy train of enormous bargains.

Their list of merchandise ranges from a variety of books, toys, clothing, furniture, electronics and everything in between brought in by military members and families.

Donations are always appreciated because they make full profit on donations, but they also do consignment on Monday and Friday. People should call ahead to make sure someone can check the larger items

such as furniture so that it is definitely something they can sell. When people donate they should be aware they cannot give receipts, which means items donated cannot be written off on taxes. It has to do with how they are classified as a non-profit organization.

A new voice mail recording for consign-

ment information is posted Friday evenings for the following week.

“Call the thrift shop before consigning because the recording tells people what we are not taking that particular week, 449-6603,” said Ms. Lusco. “Sometimes we have too much of one thing and we just have no more room. We’ve seen it all here!”

“The only thing we don’t like is when people dump their trash out in our shed,” said Ms. Wynes. Recently the shop management acquired another shed for donations.

Volunteers do almost all the work at the shop, and there area few incentives for working there. Volunteer childcare is paid up to four hours a week and thrift shop dollars can be earned to spend in the store. The Air Force Aid Society through the Family Support Center also provides a nominal sum to accommodate for the volunteer’s childcare needs.

If interested in volunteering call 449-6603.

# Hickam Arts and Crafts Center needs volunteers

By David Hopper  
15th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The Hickam Arts and Crafts center would like to invite everyone to help create a gift for the troops currently deployed. The event will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center.

The famed “love books” are back and the textile designer Michelle Newman is coming to Hickam to make sure the operation is a success. Ms. Newman has been a huge success on tele-

vision with shows on the Discovery Channel, PBS, Do It Yourself channel and Home and Garden Television. Ms. Newman who is famous for the world’s largest valentine which was sent to the troops during the Gulf War in 1991, will also host a series of workshops for the Arts and Crafts center.

The “Love Books for the Troops” workshop is free of charge and all supplies have been provided by donation from the companies that make the products. The creative designs will be mailed to troops during

the Christmas season while they are away from their families.

Participants with a family member or friend currently deployed can create a “Love Book” just for them. Even if people do not have a family member deployed, the Arts and Crafts center can still use the help in preparing these books for other troops.

“We need to respect our freedom, as well as those who continue to fight for it,” said Donna Sommer, the Director of the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. She commented the “Love

Books” are also important because, “we want to show our love and support, and help them in some small way to endure their fight, especially at this time of year.”

The creation of a book only means a little time out of a day, but it could mean a world of difference to the troops during the Christmas season. For more information about this event please contact Donna

Sommer  
at 449-1568 ext. 106.





# Hickam youth programs receive \$15,000 grant

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble  
15 Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hickam Youth Programs were awarded a \$15,000 grant Sept. 22, from the Coca-Cola Company and Kraft Foods Inc. to implement Triple Play: A Game Plan for the Mind, Body and Soul.

“The Boys & Girls Club of America’s Triple Play is a new initiative empowering young people to make informed decisions about their physical, emotional

and social well-being,” said Julie Klembara, Hickam community and youth programs director. “Our goal is to encourage youth in activities that promote a healthy lifestyle, improve physical fitness and build social skills.”

The grant will assist Hickam’s Youth Program’s new Air Force Fit Factor program, which is intended to help stimulate awareness and interest of the importance of healthy choices in youth lifestyles. Cooking classes, organized physical

fitness activities and a health and fitness resource center for kids are just a few of the items on the horizon for Hickam’s youth.

“Being healthy and fit will put youth in touch with their bodies, increase their self esteem and help them establish a desire to set personal goals,” said Ms. Klembara.

Triple Play is the largest health and wellness endeavor ever undertaken by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, currently

available to all 3,700 Boys & Girls Club locations across the United States and on domestic and international military installations. It is the first youth-focused program of its kind developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

“Through this grant, we can help Club members learn to eat right, keep fit and behave respectfully - all skills they can use throughout their lives,” said Beth Hodge, Hickam

Family Members Program Flight Chief.

Hickam Youth Programs is one of 66 Clubs to receive a grant to implement Triple Play this year. The newest program that will be starting in December is “Triple Play Sports Clubs” which will provide an opportunity for young adult leaders ages 13-18 to model healthy, active lifestyles and assist their Clubs and communities in offering youth ways to improve their mental, physical and social well being.

Hickam Youth Programs serves over 4,124 military dependent youth ages five to eighteen. The youth program offers fitness activities and recreational programs annually. Through its partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of America, Hickam Youth Programs has been awarded three grants in the last year totaling \$40K. For more information on the programs available at Hickam, check out [www.hickamservices.com](http://www.hickamservices.com).

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removes any of the steel rebar, and sorts the remains into usable materials at the site,” the construction manager said.

To put the amount of materials being recycled into perspective, of the nearly 24,873 tons of materials that once comprised hundreds of outdated homes demolished by Hickam Community Housing’s project thus far, 81 percent of these materials have been recycled back into the project.

Of that number, more than 19,300 tons of concrete have been crushed, sorted and returned to the construction of new homes; roughly the same amount of concrete in a 4-foot wide sidewalk that stretches 48.7 miles, which is more than the distance between the two farthest

ends of the island of Oahu.

“I am not sure people have a full understanding of how much material that is – and we are putting it right back to use,” Mr. Kam added. “More than 49 tons of metal have also been recycled – enough metal to create a 1-inch diameter bar that stretches for more than 7.1 miles or 326 football fields lined end to end. Amazing!”

Officials at HCH, the company charged with constructing, renovating, managing and maintaining 1,356 Hickam homes for the next 50 years, is taking every opportunity possible to not only reduce the environmental impact of a project of this size but also have an impact on the local community.

“Immediately after all of these homes were vacated

last spring, our reuse and recycling plans began to take shape,” said Darryl Chai, who heads Hickam Community Housing.

“Our team, while working with the 15th Airlift Wing leadership, reached out and touched the lives of many of Hawaii’s less fortunate families by engaging a Native Hawaiian nonprofit organization, ‘Nanakuli Housing Corporation,’ to donate more than 190 appliances that would otherwise go to a landfill,” added Mr. Chai, vice president and asset manager.

“These excess appliances taken from homes scheduled for demolition were all given to low-income families in rural areas that otherwise did not have the means to purchase.”

Shortly thereafter, on



Courtesy photos of HCH

**A “crusher” breaks down chunks of concrete, cinder blocks and other materials and sorts them into appropriate piles.**

March 31, Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, climbed aboard a giant piece of construction equipment and knocked down the walls of one of the first homes to be demolished, while senior congres-

sional leadership and local leaders and politicians watched and applauded. Those homes are gone now - but in many ways, they are still here supporting Hickam families for the next 50 years.



**A sample of what happens to the blocks after being crushed and sorted.**

# Jaywalking: It’s illegal and dangerous

**By Staff Sgt. Bonnie Wooderson**  
15th Security Forces Squadron Patrolman

The crosswalks around Hickam have recently been remarked to make them more visible to pedestrians and vehicle operators. This action however, has not aided in decreasing the amount of pedestrians who forget the purpose of a cross walk.

A crosswalk by definition is “a path marked off on a street to indicate where pedestrians should cross.” Disregard for the rules of the crosswalk is legally termed “jaywalking” and is defined as crossing a street by foot outside the crosswalk, against a signal light, or not at a corner.

A traffic misdemeanor, which is subject to a fine, may be filed if vehicle traffic or clear indications of where to cross exists. Jaywalking may be classified as contributory negligence if the jay-walker is injured by a vehicle.

Frequent hot spots for jay-walking on Hickam are O’Malley to get from Hangar-2 to Base Ops, Vickers between the base gym and the parking lot, Vickers between Bldg. 1102 and the Family Support Center and D Street between Bldg. 1102 and the parking lot.

The last and most dangerous violation is when people do not stop at the cross walk before entering it. Instead they deceptively traverse the sidewalk then abruptly step

onto the crosswalk and into oncoming traffic.

IAW 31-204, base traffic laws are based on the State Law/Traffic codes. Though there is nothing specific in the 15th AW 31-204, the Hawaii Criminal and Traffic Law manual states in HRS 291C-72/Pedestrian’s right of way in cross walks:

- When traffic-control signals are not in-place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a cross-walk when the pedestrian is upon half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of

the road way as to be in danger.

- No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Just like we were taught when we were young, pedestrians need to stop, look both ways, and then cross. The junior crossing guards at Hickam Elementary lead the way with cross walk procedures – they “stop, look both ways, and then proceed.”

Both vehicle operators and pedestrians alike need to keep these basics in mind and to be courteous to all who transit the streets on Hickam. This is the only way can we avoid mishaps that occur due to carelessness.

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is looking for a few good men and women from the Hickam workforce to represent their unit on this committee. When people hear the name Federal Women’s Program, they focus on the name “Women’s.” However, the goal of the FWP committee is to improve the status of women, men, and minorities working in the Federal government. The FWP is a

vital asset and integral resource to everyone in identifying problems and recommending solutions to management that eliminate discrimination and under representation in the Federal workplace. The FWP is involved in community projects and is committed to becoming an awareness and educational program. People who would like to be a part of an

innovative and energetic group, please contact FWP President, Louise Miura at 449-6994 or e-mail Louise.Miura@hickam.af.mil or FWP Manager, Iris Chinen at 449-0113 or e-mail Iris.Chinen@hickam.af.mil.

**Tripler’s flu hotline is 433-3357-** Tripler Army Medical Center staff is gearing up for the flu sea-

son and is scheduled to receive the vaccine on or around Oct. 15. Information about the Tripler flu program will be announced as soon as the staff has the information available. For updates regarding the plan, please contact the influenza information hotline at 433-3357 or log on to the Tripler web page, [www.tamc.amedd.army.mil](http://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil).



### Theft of government property

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces regarding 12 government owned bicycles being stolen outside of Bldg. #1055. A report was filed.

### Neighbor dispute

Security forces patrol was dispatched to a Hickam family housing for a neighborhood disturbance. Upon arrival, two military family members were involved in a dispute. Both of the family member sponsor’s first sergeant responded and assumed control of the situation.

### Shoplifting

An Air Force civilian employee was detained by Army Air Force exchange service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$3.75.

### Theft of private property

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces and reported his bicycle being stolen outside of Bldg. #1102. A report

was filed. Estimated cost of stolen property: \$250.

### Theft of service

An AAFES employee notified security forces and reported that an unidentified individual purchased gas from the Hickam Shoppette and departed with the vehicle without rendering payment. A report was filed. Total cost of unpaid gasoline: \$18.

### Theft of private property

A military family member notified security forces and reported her lawn mower was stolen from her neighbor’s fenced yard. A report was filed. Estimated cost of stolen merchandise: \$150.

### Damage to private property

A retired Air Force member notified security forces and reported he witnessed an individual standing in front of a sticker machine in front of the Hickam Main Exchange and might have possibly damaged it. A report was filed.



### Family and teen talent contest

The Community Center will be hosting the 2005 Family and Teen Talent Contest on Friday, Nov. 4. The Community Center invites moms, dads, brothers and sisters to sing, dance and perform together in this family-oriented event. Contestants can enter in one of 15 categories: parent and child; husband and wife; children (ages 3 to 5); children (ages 6 to 8); preteen solo (ages 9 to 12); preteen group (ages 9 to 12); teen solo (ages 13 to 15); teen group (ages 13 to 15); teen solo (ages 16 to 18); teen group (ages 16 to 18); and family. So get your act together and register for this family-fun event! Videos of base winners will be submitted for an Air Force level

contest! "We invite everyone to enjoy an evening of entertainment while cheering for their coworkers and neighbors," said Julie Klembara, Community/Youth Programs Director. Call the Community Center at 449-3354 for more information.

### Football frenzy

Football Frenzy is every Monday at the Enlisted Club beginning at 3 p.m. There will be beverage specials, free pupus, and prizes for members. On Sunday mornings at 7 a.m., you can come in and root for your home team at NFL Live! Free breakfast plate for member and spouse. Cost for additional guests is \$5.

### Craft techniques night

Every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. is craft techniques night at the Arts and Crafts Center.

### Calling all crafters

Registration begins Saturday for the 30th Annual Fall Craft Fair and Dog Show and will continue through Nov. 4. Cost is \$65



per booth or \$85 for a shared booth. The event will be held on Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Hike and shop

Join us on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a Waimea Falls hike and north shore shopping. This is a great tour for those who would like to complete an easy hike then enjoy a few hours shopping. Cost is \$20 per person. Bring water, lunch and sunscreen. Trip departs from Hickam Harbor Office #3455. Call 449-5215 for information.

### Craft techniques night

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### Scrapbook marathon

Scrapbook Marathon Night is Thursday from 5 to

9:30 p.m. Halloween treats will be served and all orange and black items will be 10 percent off. Do a Halloween page and receive an additional 5 percent off!

### New group rates

The Fitness Center is now offering group rates for personal training sessions. The rates are for groups of two to four people. One 1-hour session is \$25 or six 1-hour sessions is \$130. Call the Fitness Center at 449-1044 to schedule your session.



### Mongolian style barbeque

Mongolian barbeque is served Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the Officers Club lanai. The menu consists of vegetables, meats and a variety of oils and spices for seasoning. Price is

60 cents per ounce with a \$1 off Members First Discount. Call 448-4608 for details.

### Torch Club

Torch Clubs are chartered small-group leadership and service clubs for boys and girls in middle school focusing on character development. A Torch Club is a powerful vehicle through which club staff can help meet the special needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to plan and implement activities in four areas: service to club and community, education, health and fitness and social recreation. Prospective members may join at any time throughout the year. For more information on the Torch Club program, please contact Mr. Kubo at 449-2233.

### Bowl for \$1 on Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, bowl for \$1 per person from 4 to 9 p.m. Plan your party for a group reservation of 15 or



more. Catering is also available. Call 449-2702 for details and reservations.

### New dinners at buffet

Kids – bring in your parents for dinner at the Officers' Club on Wednesday night to the new themed All-You-Can-Eat buffet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the dining room and they eat for half price. Price for adults is \$12.95 with a \$1 Member's First discount; Children 7 to 11 is \$5; Children 4 to 6 is \$2.50. Children under 3 eat free. No coupons accepted in conjunction with this offer.

### Games night buffet

Games night buffet is every Sunday at the Enlisted Club with a buffet starting at 4:45 p.m. Early Bird games begin at 6 p.m.





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## Edwards, DARPA explore new C-17 capability

**EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN)** – Soaring 6,000 feet above the sun-baked California desert, a pair of Edwards aircraft – a C-17 Globemaster III shadowed by a C-12 Huron observer aircraft – carried out an unusual mission with an even more unusual cargo recently.

The rear of the aircraft yawned open, and at the prompt of “five, four, three, two, one, green light,” the loadmasters released the restraints and a 65-foot rocket slid out the back of the aircraft beginning its descent to the desert floor.

The rocket drop was a test mission – the first of a series dubbed the Falcon Small

Launch Vehicle program. The program is a joint venture between the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Air Force. It is designed to develop a new method of putting a 1,000-pound payload into low-Earth orbit.

This first test was the successful drop of an inert version of a QuickReach Booster rocket filled with water to increase its weight to 50,000 pounds – about two-thirds the weight of an actual booster.

The test vehicle is also the longest article ever dropped from a C-17.

Another unique aspect of this mission was the method of getting the test vehicle out of the C-17. In most airdrops, the cargo is strapped to pallets, and the whole package is ejected from the aircraft.

“For this test, a system of rollers was developed to guide the inert rocket out of the aircraft,” said Chris Webber, a 418th FLTS test project engineer. “This was quite an exciting event. It ended up going out very clean ... but there’s always

## By my mark



Photo by Senior Airman Michael A. Garza

**SOUTHWEST ASIA – Senior Airman Gordon Hohman sights in a mark to see the impact that it has with certain materials. He is assigned to the 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron’s explosive ordnance disposal unit.**

that anticipation of the unknown.”

The Falcon SLV program is ultimately aimed toward affordable space lift. The cur-

rent price of launching a rocket payload can be \$20 million or more. Completion of the Falcon project should reduce that price tag to less

than \$5 million.

Another advantage to launching a satellite by air is the launch location and time is limitless. Currently, rocket

launches are dictated by the location of launch facilities and many other factors including weather. By putting the system on a C-17, there is no limit to geographic location, and the aircraft can fly away from or above the weather.

This first test, dropping a mock-up rocket from 6,000 feet, was designed to test the safety of the release system, program officials said. Future drops will be at increasingly higher altitudes, ultimately testing the drop of a live rocket, which will launch at altitude after leaving the aircraft. *(Story by Christopher Ball, 95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs)*

## Airmen deliver first relief supplies to Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AFPN)** – The first relief supplies from the United States arrived here on a C-17 Globemaster III less than 48

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GRADUATES,  
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completes the first of four levels of Air Force professional military education.

The graduates of ALS Class 05-D are:

15th Aircraft  
Maintenance

Jessica Towry  
Shumaker

15th Civil Engineer  
Squadron

Scott Eversole  
Xavier Fairley  
Latricia Munday  
Aaron Stern

15th Communications  
Squadron

Jamie Belew

15th Operations  
Support Squadron

Kory Benedetti

15th Security Forces  
Squadron

Thomas Adams  
Derek Jennings  
Vincent Reed  
Elizabeth Stolz  
Shea Thomas

25th Air Support  
Operations Squadron

Jonathan Kan  
Justice Stevens

324th Intelligence  
Squadron

Sherrie Aplin  
Michael Barcarse  
Weylin Berryman  
Frank Corralejo  
Travis Haan  
Patricia Higa  
Rachel Kinman  
Grant Matta  
Joseph Payne  
Natalie Pittore  
Glendy Reed  
Christopher Salinas  
Gregory Steed  
Charity Weeks

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Operations Squadron

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Squadron

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Michael Owens  
Christopher Pint  
Matthew Weiss

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Brady Burris  
Rodney Jacobs  
Justin Rusnak

Joint Interagency Task

Force West

Erin Ramsden

Joint POW/MIA

Accounting Command

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Kenney Headquarters

17th Operational

Weather Squadron

Michael Funk  
Arjuna Hutchins

Kenney Headquarters

26th Air Intelligence

Squadron

Justin O’Dell

Kenney Headquarters

56th Air Operations

Squadron

Justin Hall

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Operations Division

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Pacific Air Intelligence

Squadron

Charles Bennett

Pacific Computer

Systems Squadron

Joseph Young

Pacific Regional Supply

Squadron

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hours after the devastating earthquake that left thousands dead and injured.

The C-17 and its crew, from the 7th Airlift Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash., delivered 12 pallets – almost 90,000 pounds – of food, water, medicine and blankets from Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

Two aerial port specialists from Bagram’s 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron were also on the flight to coordinate and manage cargo here.

Airmen and Soldiers at Bagram, with only a few hours notice, palletized the supplies and prepared them for the flight.

“This was a total team effort from everyone here at Bagram,” said Col. Mike Isherwood, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander. “Our hearts go out to all those affected by the earthquake and we are thankful we were able to help out.”

Master Sgt. John Keel and Staff Sgt. Larry Mansell, Air National Guard members from the 137th Aerial Port

Squadron in Oklahoma City, ensured the cargo was properly managed on the ramp at the airport here. They will stay to handle future cargo movements.

“The troops can handle it at Bagram while we help the people in Pakistan,” said Sergeant Keel. “What better way is there to spend your time?”

1st Lt. Josh Ehmen, a C-17 pilot on the mission, has seen this kind of effort before.

“It’s awesome to be able to help out,” Lieutenant Ehmen said. “After the tsunami last year, we’ve shown we can do anything, any time.”

Brig. Gen. Imtiaz Sherazi, director of logistics for Pakistan’s army, is coordinating the distribution of relief supplies as they arrive and making sure they get to the areas that need them.

“I would like to thank the Air Force,” General Sherazi said. “These items are very valuable to us because there are lots of people in great distress.” (Story by Capt. James H. Cunningham, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

Cope Thunder  
exercise begins

EIELSON AIR FORCE  
BASE, Alaska (AFPN) –

Cope Thunder 06-1 participants are using the 62,000 square miles of airspace at this remote base to “fly, fight and win” during Pacific Air Force’s premier combat air-power exercise.

The two-week exercise, which will run through Oct. 21, is the command’s largest air combat training exercise, involving more than 1,000 active-duty and Air National Guard Airmen and 87 aircraft. It is conducted on the Pacific Alaskan Range Complex with air operations flown out of here and nearby Elmendorf Air Force Base.

The exercise involves several units whose missions may differ significantly, but allow the opportunity to work together in a training environment with units they may deploy with in the future. (Story by Tech. Sgt. William Farrow, 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)